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Application of:

Applicant(s) : Wolf et al.
Serial No. : 10/606,191
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Title : GOLD SUTURE AND METHOD OF USE IN WOUND CLOSURE
Docket : 633032-00003
Examiner : Gary Jackson
Art Unit : 3731

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATED REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

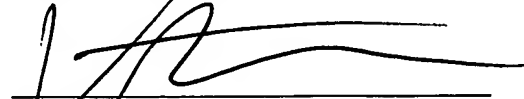
Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability mailed on April 7, 2006. Applicants note that the invention is defined by the claims. Therefore, Applicants reserve the right to distinguish the claimed invention over the prior art based upon any limitation or combination of limitations set forth in a given claim.

The public is hereby placed on notice that the claims of any patent issuing on the above-referenced application shall not be limited by the Examiner's statements regarding his reasons for allowance as each claim is defined by its own terms and will be asserted and enforced as broadly as written.

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Applicants further note that the entire range of equivalents that may be available for each claim limitation is hereby reserved and is not to be construed as being limited by any of the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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